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I am writing to support the interim final rule under the Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 (RIN 1210-AB30).

I support the strong rule that would forbid insurance companies from charging higher copayments, deductibles, and other out-of-pocket expenses for mental health treatment than they would for other physical health care. Thank you for ensuring that mental health care and physical health care coverage are included in a single deductible.

Mental illness is also a physical illness, it is just that the brain is affected opposed as say to the heart or the lungs. It needs to be treated as such. The mentally ill should not have to pay a higher deductible just because the brain is involved!

Sincerely,

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